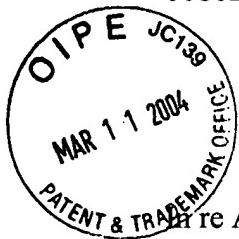


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In re Application of:

TAKASHI ARAI

Application No.: 10/634,860

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For: METHOD OF STORING  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to conducting the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.